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FAIR SEASON.

Rhode Island 4-H Animal Exhibit Guidelines

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Go to [http://web.uri.edu/4h/4-h-projects/summer-fairs/](http://web.uri.edu/4h/4-h-projects/summer-fairs/) for SRI 4-H Fair, ERI 4-H Fair, NRI 4-H Fair and Washington County Fair websites and specific rules!
WHY HAVE 4-H EXHIBITS?

1. To recognize 4-H members for their achievements and provide feedback to them regarding their accomplishments.
2. To provide a youth a goal to motivate them to achieve in their 4-H project work.
3. To provide educational experiences for 4-H members not available in other 4-H programs.
4. To provide the public a better understanding of 4-H work.
5. Any premium money or special prizes awarded serve as a reward as well as an incentive to encourage further learning and growth through 4-H work.

GUIDELINES FOR ALL COMPETITIONS

4-H rules will be followed by any 4-H show and any 4-H classes in open shows. Individual fairs may have additional requirements, classes and events so please read the individual fair guidelines carefully.

1. All exhibits must be the result of the current year's work of the 4-H member exhibiting. The year includes the time from the previous year's event.
2. The 4-H exhibitor must be enrolled as a Rhode Island 4-H member, special interest or 4-H school group during the current 4-H year (October 1 of last year to September 30 this year). Youth, age 5-7 as of January 1st of the current year, are considered Cloverbuds. Adding 4-H Cloverbud classes to district fairs and events is at the discretion of the chairperson/superintendent of the event. All Cloverbuds should receive green participation ribbons and should receive encouragement from the judge and feedback on how they can improve their project.
3. Only articles made, produced, raised, etc., as a part of a 4-H project in the club, or individually by a 4-H member, can qualify for an exhibit. Exhibits will be accepted that were not exhibited for credit outside of 4-H.
4. Deadlines stated for each event must be followed. Entries entered after the deadline run the risk of not having space available for the exhibit. If, after sending an entry, a member is not able to show please notify officials of that fair so that space can be used by others.
5. 4-H will not assume responsibility for items stolen, damaged or lost. All possible precautions will be taken to safeguard items exhibited.
6. Interpretation of rules and decisions about questions not specifically covered in the rules are the responsibility of the fair superintendent. If a situation cannot be resolved, the superintendent should first contact their 4-H Fair Committee, then if needed, the Fair Committee can contact the State 4-H Office.
7. Behavior of Exhibitors: Participation in 4-H Exhibit Events is a chance to show the public the best of 4-H. No alcohol or drugs will be allowed, and actions must be cooperative and helpful. The 4-H Superintendent has the authority to take such disciplinary action as may be necessary to enforce such rules.
8. Judges will place all worthy exhibits by the Danish award system: Blue ribbons for 85-100 points, Red ribbons for 70-84 points, and White ribbons for under 70 points. Judges may, at their discretion, recommend honorable mention awards (green ribbons) for worthy exhibits that do not meet requirements for regular placings. After the required Danish awards are presented to all participants, individual placings may then be awarded. The Danish System is further explained on the next page. Decisions of judges are final.
When the work of 4-H members is judged in 4-H programs or events the Danish system of awards is used. Unlike other systems that select the one best, or rank the top winners, this system rewards all youth who reach a standard level of quality. Using the Danish system it is possible for all participants to receive blue awards if their work reached the "excellent" level of quality. On the other hand, all participants could receive white awards if the level of quality of each is only deserving of a "worthy" award. The red award is used to denote the middle, "good" level of achievement.

It is competing against this standard that provides the incentive for youth. It is a goal they all can reach. A youngster doesn't need to be concerned about doing better than their fellow member. They can also feel free to help others without fear of losing out themselves. Since the definition of a top quality exhibit is what judges will use for judgment, it is important that it be defined clearly for members in advance, as for judges. Information about score sheets, or judging criteria should be provided in advance.

Information about the age, experience in the project and other situations faced by the youth are provided for judges so judging will take these factors into consideration.

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<td>- All participants are recognized for their level of achievement</td>
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<td>- All who reach the level of excellence set by the standard are awarded recognition (blue, red, or white)</td>
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<td>- Youth compete against their own record</td>
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<td>- No one is left out</td>
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<td><strong>Individual Comparison System</strong></td>
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<td>- Only top performers are recognized, only one can be the best</td>
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<td>- First place is selected in comparison with others competing.</td>
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<td>- Nothing is learned about the level of quality that is reached.</td>
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<td>- The best may be only slightly better or a great deal. All may be poor quality</td>
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<td>- Youth compete with others.</td>
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<td>- More problems arise with the element of human failure, bias and prejudice on the judge’s part.</td>
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RULES FOR ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITS
(See rules for each species follows)
Changes/updates/additions for 2017 are highlighted
Revision 4/2017

1. 4-H members must do their own work to prepare their animal for show and show their own project animal. EXCEPTION - when the safety of a 4-Her or the animal is in question, it is appropriate for an adult or older 4-Her to intervene. Members who manage someone else's animal must be sure that this is part of the agreement. The assistance of adults must be limited to guidance and instruction. Grooming the animal will be considered a violation of this rule and may lead to forfeiture of awards.

2. Any animals that show signs of sickness or disease will not be admitted. All animals must be in compliance with the DEM/Division of Agriculture, Animal Health Regulations. DEM “Animal Health Regulations: Exhibitions and Showing Only” are posted on the RI State 4-H website. Any questions, contact the superintendent for your particular show. Inspection of animal and health papers occurs before unloading the animal by the state vet or their designee. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required for all out-of-state animals. In addition, RI 4-H requires that in-state Dairy, Dairy Goats and Sheep have a CVI. Superintendents reserve the right to refuse any animal for health reasons. Please review the Animal Health Guides by species posted on the RI 4-H Website to provide you with more detailed information. If a 4-Her is showing an animal that is from out of state, they must follow the Out-of-State regulations from DEM’s Rules and Regulations Governing the Importation of Animals can be viewed at http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/agric/animimp15.pdf As a best management practice, all Rhode Island 4-H animals should have a unique, individual identification that can be traced to its point of origin. It is also recommended that animals and poultry be isolated for up to 30 days upon their return to the farm from any exhibitions to be observed for signs of disease.

3. Animal exhibitors must be able to control their animal. Animals with any horns are not allowed. (Exception is made for Working Steers, Horned Hereford heifers, Scottish Highlander heifers, Texas Longhorn heifers, sheep and young dairy heifers under 5 months of age). Absolutely no beef class steers are allowed with horns. The superintendent has the authority to disqualify a member from showing any animal that would present a danger or is unmanageable. Livestock exhibitors must wear shoes at all times to reduce the chance of injury from animals. All animal exhibitors should wear leather work shoes or boots, except those showing dogs, rabbits, and poultry.

4. 4-H members are required to enter the showmanship (or fitting and showmanship) class of any 4-H animal show in which the member is entered. The superintendent may split a class by age when there are more than 10 entered in a class. Novice Showmanship classes are meant to be learning experiences for beginners who have never shown that species of animal (see Horse rules for Novice Class at 4-H Horse Shows). These 4-Hers will be eligible to compete in the Novice class for the current show season. Each species includes the classes offered at ESE. Fair superintendents may choose to add additional classes.

5. Youth, age 5-7 as of January 1st of the current year, are considered Cloverbuds. Adding 4-H Cloverbud classes to district fairs and events is at the discretion of the chairperson/superintendent of the event. All Cloverbuds should receive green participation ribbons and should receive encouragement from the judge and feedback on how they can improve their project. For safety reasons it is strongly recommended that a Cloverbud be accompanied by an older 4-H member or adult when showing livestock.

6. All teen leaders and alternates applying for ESE will submit an application to the State 4-H office and will be chosen by the State 4-H office and head chaperone, based upon the highest points earned (or other requirements) during the current 4-H year. All applications are to be submitted prior to August 20 except for Horse (August 1st) and Beef (Steers -Feb 1st, Heifer May 10th). Applications received after this date will not be accepted.

7. ESE Chaperones:
   1. The State 4-H office will appoint all head chaperones for ESE animal programs.
   2. The State 4-H office, in consultation with the head chaperone, will appoint all assistant chaperones and barn managers.
   3. Chaperones and barn managers will be notified of their appointment in August or before of the current year.

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4-H BEEF

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All steers must have been owned by the 4-H exhibitor before February 1st of the current year.  
All heifers must be owned or managed by the 4-H member prior to May 10th of the current year. Copies of signed management agreement forms for heifers must be on file in the 4-H office by May 10th. Proof of ownership or management agreement forms must be presented upon request.

To be selected for Eastern States Exposition 4-H members must be 12 years old by January 1st of the current 4-H year. Beef Show steers must be owned and ear tagged by February 1st of the current year and have signature forms filed at Eastern States through the State 4-H Office. Heifers may be managed. Heifers must have signature forms and management papers (when applicable) filed in the State 4-H Office by May 10th for ESE. The registered animal must be shown in the ERI 4-H Fair, the Foster Old Home Days 4-H Beef show, the SRI 4-H Leaders Fair Beef Show or the Washington County 4-H Beef Show to be eligible for selection for the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Beef Show.

ESE applicants are strongly encouraged to attend RI 4-H Beef Education Programs. Junior Leaders for the ESE 4-H Beef Program will be chosen by the RI ESE 4-H Beef Committee based on participation and enthusiasm during the current 4-H year.

Any member may exhibit an animal of any recognized beef breed or cross breed being raised either for meat or breeding purposes. **PLEASE NOTE:** **Members must show their own project animal at 4-H fairs.** In the event that a 4-H'er has two animals in the same class, another 4-H'er may assist with the 2nd animal. There will be separate classes by breeds for steers and also for breeding stock. A general knowledge test may be given for all exhibitors. Please note: When a 4-H project animal is shown in a youth or open show, it should be clearly stated that the animal is owned by the 4-H member.

**Health Requirements:**
1. All animals over 6 months must be vaccinated for rabies at least 30 days prior to showing and no more than ONE year prior to showing. Animals 3-6 months must have been vaccinated for rabies prior to showing (animal is considered vaccinated at time of inoculation). Vaccination certificate must be presented at the fair. It is recommended that RI animals have a current health certificate (CVI) and is required for all out of state animals. Papers will be checked before unloading.

**Out-of State Cattle:**
2. Tuberculosis: All animals must test negative within 60 days prior to entry into the first show in RI for the calendar year OR are from a herd certified TB free no more than 365 days prior to showing. A certificate for the herd must accompany the animal.

3. Brucellosis: All animals over 4 months of age must test negative within 30 days prior to entry into the first show in RI for the calendar year OR are from a Brucellosis-negative Herd tested no more than 365 days prior to entry into the first show in RI for the calendar year. (Certificate for herd must accompany animal) OR if a breeding animal, is officially vaccinated for Brucellosis and are less than 18 months of age. (Proof of vaccination must be on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) Cattle less than 120 days old, steers, Spayed heifers and official Brucellosis calfhood vaccinated cattle are exempt from Brucellosis testing.

4. Bluetongue: If the animal originates from a region or state that is endemic for Bluetongue and Anaplasmosis, the animal must test negative within 30 days prior to entry into Rhode Island.

5. Shipping fever inoculations are recommended, but not required.

**Beef Fitting and Showing**

All exhibitors must enter Fitting and Showing. This contest is limited to 4-H exhibitors who show in the breed classes. Members will compete in their own age division. Only 4-H members may work on the grooming of their animals.

Clothing: Whites and khakis are optional. Dungaree pants and tee shirts, clean without patches. Exhibitors should be clean and neat appearing and wear a plain white shirt. Sneakers, sandals or bare feet are not allowed. Classes will be divided equally by superintendent based on age of exhibitor.
Class 1 - Novice: members 8-18 but not 19 as of Jan. 1 of the current year in their first year of showing this species.
Class 2 - Junior Division: members 8-13 as of January 1, of the current year.
Class 3 - Senior Division: members 14-18 but not 19 as of January 1 of the current year.

**Breed Classes**
Class 4 - Breed Classes
Class 5 - Steers - Light Weight
Class 6 - Steers - Medium Weight
Class 7 - Steers - Heavy Weight
Class 8 - Females - Entries will be divided by age. All breeds and cross breeds shown in same class
Bulls - There will be NO classes for bulls
Calves born after April 1, may be shown at sides with dams, but will not receive ribbons or premiums.

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**4-H DAIRY GOAT**

*See rules for animal exhibitors in the front of these Guidelines and at the beginning of this section.*

1. **All animals being shown must be owned by the 4-H member or being raised under a management agreement properly filed in the State 4-H office prior to June 1st of the current year.**

2. If any 4-H'er wishes to attend the Eastern States Dairy Goat Show, it is necessary that he or she participate and be judged in two 4-H goat shows in Rhode Island during the summer of the year they would like to participate in the Big E. ESE applications are due in the State 4-H office by August 20th. Members must be enrolled in the 4-H Goat Project area for at least 2 years and have 2 years of experience in 4-H Showmanship with goats that are owned or leased by the member.

3. **Health Requirements:** All animals must have a current health certificate (CVI) – 4-H requirement - and will be checked before unloading. Any animal found to have a serious health problem will not be allowed to unload. The show committee reserves the right to reject any animal for health reasons if advisable. The dam's health papers may be used if a kid is under 6 months of age.
   
   Due to prevalence of rabies in Rhode Island, it is strongly recommended all Dairy Goats entering a show be vaccinated for Rabies.

**Out of State Animals:**

- **Tuberculosis:** All animals must test negative within 60 days prior to entry into the first show in RI for the calendar year OR be from a TB tested negative herd validated within the previous 365 days
- **Brucellosis:** Goats 4 months or older: Tested negative within 30 days prior to entry into the first show in RI for the calendar year OR be from a Brucellosis tested negative herd validated within the previous 365 days. Goats less than 120 days old or wethers are exempt from Brucellosis testing.
- **Bluetongue:** If the animal originates from a region or state that is endemic for Bluetongue and Anaplasmosis, the animal must test negative within 30 days prior to entry into Rhode Island.

4. **NO HORNED ANIMALS. . . NO BUCKS.**

Wethers are accepted in showmanship and fitting classes only; but without horns in RI 4-H shows.

5. **The original certificate of registration is required for all animals 6 months of age or older. The original certificate of registration or the stamped copy is required for all animals under 6 months of age. Registration or stamped duplicate, management agreement and health papers must be shown to the secretary before the show.**

6. No more than 2 animals owned by the exhibitor in the same class.
7. There will also be a class for unrecorded (unregistered) animals.
8. **All animals (registered or unregistered) must be identified by permanent identification (tattoo or permanent ear-tag that is unique to that individual animal). All animals must be under exhibitor’s name, otherwise management papers are needed. Farm Registered animals must be managed by 4-H member showing even if owned by a family member.**
4-H DAIRY GOAT FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

FITTING and SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

A. Senior  14-18 but not 19 as of January 1st
B. Junior  8-13 years old as of January 1st - class may be divided by superintendent
C. Novice  8-18 but not 19 as of Jan. 1 of the current year in their first year of showing this species.

Please note that due to the number of 4-Hers competing in a given class the show superintendents may choose to add an Intermediate class. Please refer to the 4-H Fair rules and guidelines for information specific to that fair.

CONFORMATION CLASSES

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Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion

MILKERS

| Under 2 years  | 5     | 13        | 21                | 29               | 37 |
| 2-3 years     | 6     | 14        | 22                | 30               | 38 |
| 3-5 years     | 7     | 15        | 23                | 31               | 39 |
| Over 5 years  | 8     | 16        | 24                | 32               | 40 |

Class 41: Dry Senior Doe

Each fair may include champion classes and set requirements for showing in each of them. Classes may change by fair.

Class 42 - Herdsmanship - Points based upon cleanliness of the animal, exhibit area, equipment and supplies. Cooperation and attitude of the member are also considered.

4-H DAIRY

See rules for animal exhibitors in the front of these Guidelines and at the beginning of this section.

All Dairy animals exhibited must be owned or managed and cared for by the 4-H members since May 1st this year. Copies of signed management agreement forms must be on file in the 4-H office by May 1st for a member to show at RI 4-H fairs. All animals must be registered with registration available or pending. "Provisional Registrations will be accepted in those breeds, which allow animals with provisional registrations to compete. Percentage purebred which can be shown varies within each breed.

If you have questions, contact the fair dairy superintendent. For 2 year old and older classes, ownership and registration or lease agreement must have existed on or before May 1 of the year in which the animal was a senior yearling. Registration and management agreement must be available to the superintendent upon request.

Selection of animals for the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dairy Show requires participation in a district 4-H Dairy Show or Washington County Fair Youth Show during this 4-H year, and other requirements as listed on the 4-H Dairy Activities score sheet. ESE applications are due in the state 4-H office by August 20. Dairy members on the ESE Quiz Bowl Team or Judging Team do not need to show an animal to qualify for ESE.

Health Requirements:
1. All animals must have had a rabies vaccination within one year and at least 30 days before the show. Vaccination certificate, signed by a licensed veterinarian, must be presented at the fair. Animals that turn 3 months of age after the start of a fair may be vaccinated after the animal leaves the fair (approved by DEM).
2. All animals must have a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious disease or contagious disease and exposure from such disease. Documents of health certification must be written on relevant state or federal health forms to qualify for participation at the Eastern States Exposition. To promote safe handling and interaction, no animal shall be permitted to participate at ESE in the 4-H Dairy Activity with horns in excess of one inch.
Out of State Animals:
Tuberculosis: All animals must test negative within 60 days prior to entry into the first show in RI for the calendar year OR are from a herd certified TB free no more than 365 days prior to showing. A certificate for the herd must accompany the animal.
Brucellosis: All animals over 4 months of age must test negative within 30 days prior to entry into the first show in RI for the calendar year OR are from a Brucellosis-negative Herd tested no more than 365 days prior to entry into the first show in RI for the calendar year. (Certificate for herd must accompany animal) OR if a breeding animal, is officially vaccinated for Brucellosis and are less than 18 months of age. (Proof of vaccination must be on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) Cattle less than 120 days old, steers, Spayed heifers and official Brucellosis calfhood vaccinated cattle are exempt from Brucellosis testing.
Bluetongue: If the animal originates from a region or state that is endemic for Bluetongue and Anaplasmosis, the animal must test negative within 30 days prior to entry into Rhode Island.

DAIRY FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP
Show uniform is strongly recommended: White or khaki pants or skirt and a white shirt with collar. Sturdy shoes or boots. Delegates may not appear barefoot or wearing extremely brief shorts. Members will be disqualified if they are wearing clothing advertising a farm or breed, or any other clothing that the superintendent considers inappropriate for the event. Members will compete in their own age division. Only 4-H members may clip and groom their own animals.

Fitting & Showmanship
1. Junior Division – members 8-13 as of January 1, of the current year.
2. Senior Division - members 14 - 18 but not 19 as of January 1, of the current year.
4-H fair superintendents may add a Novice Division for 4-Hers in their 1st year of showing this species as well as an Intermediate Division if desired.

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP SCORE CARD

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<td>2. Appearance of animal (fitting) ........... 30</td>
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4-H DAIRY BREED CLASSES
1. Spring Heifer Calf - Born on or after March 1, 2017 – over 4 months for ESE
2. Winter Heifer Calf - December 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017
3. Fall Heifer Calf - September 1, 2016 to, November 30, 2016
4. Summer Yearling - June 1, 2016 to August 31, 2016
7. Fall Yearling Heifer - Not in Milk – September 1, 2015 to November 30, 2015 – not in milk - yearlings that have calved will show in Class 10
8. Junior Champion
9. Reserve Junior Champion
10. Junior 2 Year Old Heifer– March 1, 2015 to August 31, 2015; may or may not have calved at least one time
11. Senior 2 Year Old Heifer– September 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015; may or may not have calved at least one time
12. Three Year Old Cow –September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014
13. Four Year Old – September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013
14. Five Year Old and Older – Born before August 31, 2012
15. Dry Cows – have calved at least one time
16. Senior Champion
17. Reserve Senior Champion
18. Grand Champion
19. Reserve Grand Champion

Additional information and resources are available through the PDCA (Purebred Diary Cattle Association)

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4-H DOG

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Rules for RI 4-H Dog Shows:
1. Dogs must be kept on leash or in a crate except when indicated.
2. No females in heat.
3. Dogs need not be purebred ("All American" are welcome).
4. Dogs must be six months of age by the date of the show.
5. A dog that shows any aggression toward another dog or a person may be asked to leave.
6. 4-H members should familiarize themselves with AKC obedience guidelines.
7. Dogs requiring more personal space will be asked to wear an orange bandana or large orange ribbon tied to their dog’s collar in such a way that it is visible to the public. It is important for all members to understand that some good dogs do not react well when another dog invades their space and this should be respected.
8. Member must own or manage their dog by June 1 of the current 4-H year and submit their submit management papers to the state office by June 1 of the current year.

Health Requirements: All dogs 6 months and older must have a rabies vaccination within one year and at least 30 days before the show. Animals 3-6 months must have been vaccinated prior to showing; animal is considered vaccinated at time of inoculation. Vaccination certificate must be presented at the fair.

Out-of-state animals must have a Health Certificate issued within 30 days of the date of the first event of the season. Vaccinations are also recommended for distemper (required for ESE), parvo (required for ESE), corona, bordetella, and leptospirosis

Suggested classes for 4-H dog shows:

ESE Dog Knowledge test questions will be as follows: Topics for 2017 are:

- AKC Non-Sporting Group
- AKC Farm Dog Certified Test (http://www.akc.org/events/herding/farm-dog-certified-test/)
- External parts of the dog and conformation, (Dog Resource Handbook Chapter 3 and Ch. 15, p131)
- New England 4H Dog Activity Program at Eastern States Exposition Rules and Regulations
- General Dog Care and First Aid

Showmanship: Junior: members 8 - 13 as of January 1, of the current year.
Senior: members 14-18 but not 19 as of January 1, of the current year.
A novice class of 4-Hers in their 1st year of showing this species may be formed at the discretion of the superintendent.

Obedience:
1. Pre-novice A- For first time exhibitors who have not previously trained a dog. Dogs will be on leash and scored on a 200 point scale. Dog and handler may only exhibit in this class for 1 year.
2. Pre-novice B- For first time exhibitors who have previously trained a dog in beginner or more advanced levels of training, or have shown this dog at the Pre-novice level in previous years. Dogs will be on leash and scored on the basis of 200 points.
3. Novice A- For exhibitors who have not previously trained a dog at novice or more advanced levels of training. All of the exercises with the exception of the heal on leash and the figure 8 will be done off lead. Scored on a 200 point scale. Dog and handler may only exhibit in this class for one year.

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Qualifications for Eastern States Exposition:
1. The 4-H member must take a Dog Knowledge Quiz at one RI 4-H dog show.
2. Member must show their dog in both Obedience and Showmanship in at least one RI 4-H dog show.
3. Member must declare their project dog and substitute dog by June 1 of the current year.
4. Member must be 12 to 18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.
5. Applications to ESE are due to the state 4-H office by August 20th.

4-H HORSES

See rules for animal exhibitors in the front of these Guidelines.

2017 District 4-H Horse Show Rules

1. New England 4-H Horse Show Rules & Guidelines will be followed at all District 4-H Horse Shows. Eastern States Exposition (ESE) applications, New England 4-H Horse Show Rules & Guidelines and other detailed information on RI 4-H Horse Shows is available on the RI 4-H Horse Program website https://web.uri.edu/ri4-hhorseprogram/ . In cases not covered by the RI and New England Rules and Guidelines, the USEF Rulebook applies. All RI 4-H riders/in hand/drivers must be active 4-H members (currently enrolled) prior to registering for the State 4-H Horse Clinic or a District 4-H Horse Show. Changes/clarifications to this year’s rules are highlighted.

2. Age of riders and drivers shall be determined as of January 1, 2017:
   • Senior - 14 to 18 years
   • Junior - 8 to 13 years
   • Novice (Showmanship) – first or second year showing in a district or state 4-H show

3. Animal Health: All horses must have had a rabies vaccination within one year and at least 30 days before a show and present a vaccination certificate at the show. Proof of negative Coggins test is required (within 12 months for instate and 6 months for out of state horses) and must be presented at show time. No stallions or nursing mares may be shown by a 4-H member in any 4-H event or show and are not permitted on the grounds. All medications-supplements should be checked against USEF Equine Drugs and Medications Rules before being administered to any horse. All horses competing in RI 4-H Horse Shows must follow USEF Equine Drugs and Medications Rules https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/rules-regulations/drugs-medications

4. Walk/Trot riders may not participate in any division requiring a canter and the WT divisions are only open to a 4-H rider who have never shown at the canter/lope in a 4-H or non-4-H show.

5. All riders, In Hand and drivers must participate in Fitting and Showmanship – this applies to all district shows. Riders must complete the Trail Class within the designated times at each show.

6. Gate holds: There will be a 2 minute gate holds for tack changes requested in advance. Request MUST be made at the secretary's booth, NOT at the gate. Tack changes must be performed at the in gate within sight of the judge. No holds beyond 2 minutes. Please plan your classes accordingly.

7. In order to qualify as a rider/driver/in-hand for participation at ESE, a 4-H member must participate in 2 of the District 4-H Shows as rider/driver/in hand or the State 4-H Horse Clinic (riders and in hand only) and one District Show. In order to qualify as a teen leader for ESE, a 4-H member must participate in 2 of the District 4-H Shows or at 1 of the District Shows as either as a rider, driver, in-hand or volunteer and the State 4-H Horse Clinic (rider or in hand only). Points will not be awarded for volunteering.

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8. On the day of the show, classes may be split, combined or cancelled at the show manager/superintendent’s discretion. If classes are combined individual rider points will be assigned to the appropriate year end division.

9. Any and all coaching from the rail is prohibited.

10. ASTM-SEI approved hard hats are required for all riders regardless of discipline and for drivers and the driver’s passenger. All drivers must be accompanied by a passenger 19 years of age or over – the passenger rule does not apply to mini’s.

11. Neat attire and proper boots are required of exhibitors at all RI 4-H Horse Shows. Proper attire is encouraged at district shows - see appointments under discipline ridden in NE Rulebook.

12. Martingales are prohibited in flat classes. Standing martingales only are allowed in over fence classes.

13. All decisions of the Judge are final. No person/rider/driver shall approach the judge without the permission of the show manager/superintendent/steward.

14. Lyrics must be approved by the show manager in advance. Please check the individual 4-H Horse Rules to see how far in advance the lyrics must be submitted. Please consider using music without lyrics.

15. Exhibitors must have their horses under control at all times. Issues with unruly/dangerous animals will be handled by the show manager. These animals may be excused from the grounds at the show manager’s discretion.

16. Dogs must be under the owners direct control at all times. Please check the individual 4-H Horse Show rules to see if dogs are not allowed on the grounds or required to be on a leash at all times.

17. 4-H exhibitors are to prepare and manage their own project animals to the extent of their ability. In regards to safety justifying assistance, that intervention will be at the discretion of the participant’s parent or designee (required designee form is posted on the RI 4-H Horse Website and must be made available to the horse show management at the 4-H District Horse Shows or submitted to the State 4-H Office by May 1st for the 4-H Horse Show Season) or themselves if they have attained majority. Exception to the above wording would be any ESE participant who must be able to manage their horse in all state and regional phases of ESE selection and competition. In Rhode Island ESE riders and drivers are expected to assume sole management of their program horse at clinics and district shows.

18. Horses that kick must wear a red ribbon on tail.

19. The URI CELS Cooperative Extension/State 4-H Office, 4-H Show Management, property owners, volunteers, and employees shall not be held liable for injury to or death of animals or persons or damage or theft of property of such. All participants and spectators enter the show grounds at their own risk.

20. Entry fees are non-refundable.

21. Only 4-H-Carded Judges will be used at the RI District 4-H Horse Shows. It is preferred that Trail Judges be 4-H carded but not required.

HORSE CLASSES: The following list of horse classes will be offered at all District 4-H Horse Shows. It is the decision of the district horse show’s management as to whether non-RI 4-H members will be allowed to compete in 4-H classes. 4-H Classes (Bridal Path Hack, Command, Trail, etc.) and Open show classes may be added. Review the specific district horse show information posted on the RI 4-H horse website https://web.uri.edu/ri4-hhorseprogram/ for what will or will not be offered.

REQUIRED CLASS LIST:

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1. Senior Fitting and Showmanship
2. Junior Fitting and Showmanship
3. Novice Fitting and Showmanship
4. Fitting and Showmanship Championship
5. In Hand Suitability (comparable to Equitation)
6. Reinsmanship (limited to 2 wheel driving vehicles)(comparable to Equitation)
7. Senior Equitation (includes pattern for ESE delegate qualification – State 4-H Horse Show Only)
8. Junior Equitation (includes pattern for ESE delegate qualification – State 4-H Horse Show Only)
9. Senior Walk-Trot Equitation
10. Junior Walk-Trot Equitation
11. Pleasure Driving (limited to 2 wheel driving vehicles)
12. Senior Pleasure
13. Junior Pleasure
14. Senior Walk-Trot Pleasure
15. Junior Walk-Trot Pleasure

4-H POULTRY

See rules for animal exhibitors in the front of these Guidelines and at the beginning of this section.

Ribbons will be awarded according to quality of the exhibit, regardless of the competition in the classes. Birds showing any sign of sickness, or with external parasites, such as lice or mites, will be disqualified. When transporting poultry in warm weather, allow circulation of air around the birds, and provide them with water. Do not close them in a box, or leave them in a car in warm weather.

Health Requirements:
- RI origin birds exhibited at RI 4-H shows do not need testing for Pullorum-typhoid or Avian Influenza, but must be free from obvious signs of infectious disease.

- Out of State: All out-of-state poultry must be accompanied by written proof (NPIP ID Cards, Valid Testing Reports or Health Certificates) that the flock of origin, or individual bird, was blood tested negative for Pullorum-typhoid within 365 days and that the bird(s) originated in an avian influenza free flock.

  - All Poultry will be individually inspected before attending the exhibit area and must be properly identified or banded in compliance with federal and state programs.

Other Very Important Information:
- No poultry from states or areas under quarantine for disease will be allowed entry.
- All animals at fairs, shows, or exhibitions must be in proper physical condition and are subject to examination by federal or state animal health officials, at the exhibition for visual evidence of infections or contagious diseases or any condition that would render it unfit for exhibition. Any animal exhibiting signs, including but not limited to the following, may be refused entry: diarrhea, vomiting, nasal discharge, ocular discharge, cough, lameness, skin lesions, loss of hair or feathers, external parasites, neurological signs, fever, lethargy, depression, difficult breathing, abscesses or growths, emaciation, or known exposure to animals with infectious or contagious diseases.

Knowledge Test questions will be taken from the National Avian Bowl Competition and manual (which is available in the State 4-H Office)

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Meat and Egg Production Classes:
1. Ducks - all breeds competing.  A. Single drake  B. Single hen
2. Meat Birds - Broilers  Entry must give date chicks were started.  Group of 3 birds per entry.
3. Meat Birds - Fryers and Roasters  Entries must give date chicks were started.
   Judging will be on live meat standards.  Group of 3 birds per entry.
4. Egg Production - all breeds, varieties, and crosses competing  A. Single pullet  B. Single hen
5. Fancy Breeds and Varieties - Standards
   Any standard breeds and varieties may be entered.  Only mature birds will be accepted.
   A. Single male  B. Single female  C. Trio-consisting of one male and two females.
6. Fancy Breeds and Varieties - Bantams
   A. Single male  B. Single female  C. Trio
7. Pigeons:  Entry must state breed and variety.  Only mature, healthy birds will be accepted.
8. Eggs- One half or full dozen small, medium, large or extra-large eggs.  Judged on uniformity of size, cleanliness, shell and interior quality.
9. Poultry Showmanship
   Members will show their skills in raising, selecting, conditioning, evaluating and handling poultry.  Members age: 8 - 18 but not 19 as of January 1, of the current year.  Request Poultry Showmanship Guide from the 4-H Office.

4-H RABBITS

See rules for animal exhibitors in the front of these Guidelines and at the beginning of this section.
All animals must be healthy.  Any animals showing signs of sickness or disease will not be admitted by the Superintendent.  If warm weather occurs on the day that you take your rabbits to the fair, be sure not to close them inside a box or the car.  Allow for circulation of air.  Exhibitors must present their animals during judging for all breed and showmanship classes.  The exhibitor must wear a long sleeved shirt while showing.  There are a few breeds that, because of their excellence in more than one category or class, provide the exhibitor with some discretion as to which class they should enter.  Each animal may be entered in only one class (1 through 5).

If a member is not able to handle their rabbit because the member is too small, the Superintendent may allow the member to use a rabbit other than their own in the showmanship class.

Class 1.  Meat Breeds:
   A. Meat (small) - Chinchilla (Standard), Commercial, Sable, Silver, Silver Martin, Florida.
   B. Meat (standard) - American, Beveren, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Cinnamon, Creme D'Argent, Chinchilla (American), Commercial, Hotot, Lop (English, French), New Zealand, Palomino, Rex, Satin, Silver Fox, Havana, Harlequin, Lilac, Siamese Sable.
   C. Meat (giant) - Checkered Giant, Chinchilla (Giant), Commercial, Flemish Giant.
Class 3.  Mini/Dwarf Breeds - Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Spot, White, Himalayan, Jersey Wooly, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, Polish or Britannia Petite, Tan, Belgium Hares.
Class 5.  Pet - Any rabbit that does not meet requirements of classes 1 - 4.  Judging will include condition, handleability, and structural correctness.  Color pattern will not be considered.

Each of the classes 1 - 5 may be divided into the following sections:
   A. Junior Doe - under 8 months, not less than 4 months.
   B. Junior Buck - under 8 months, not less than 4 months
   C. Senior Doe - 8 months and over
   D. Senior Buck - 8 months and over
Class 7. Rabbit Showmanship. Some breeds are not suitable for showmanship (for the welfare of the rabbits). These are the Rex, Mini-rex and the other Fur breeds. It is recommended that the member should arrange to show another rabbit in this class. A detailed guide for rabbit showmanship is available from the 4-H office (874-2959).
A. Novice Showmanship - member showing for the 1st time in this species.
B. Junior Showmanship - members 8 to 13 as of January 1 of the current year.
C. Senior Showmanship – members 14 to 18 and not 19 as of January 1 of the current year.

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Class 8. Knowledge test. This class may be offered at some fairs. Questions will be based on information in the “Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits …” which is available online at [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/4H/4H04300.pdf](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/4H/4H04300.pdf) or contact the State 4-H Office.

4-H CAVY (Guinea Pig)

Class 9. Junior - animal up to 4 months, 12 to 22 ounces.
Class 10. Intermediate - animal from 4 to 6 months; weight 22 to 30 ounces.
Class 11. Senior - animal 6 months and over; weight, over 30 ounces.
Class 12. Cavy Showmanship

4-H SHEEP

See rules for animal exhibitors in the front of these Guidelines and the beginning of this section.

**Animal Health:** All sheep must have proof of a current rabies vaccination. Exhibitors MUST present their rabies certificate, health papers (CVI) and registration papers for all their animals entered to the show superintendent upon arrival at the fair.

- Rabies
  - Animals over 6 months: The animal must be vaccinated at least 30 days prior to showing and be current according to manufacturer standards.
  - Animals 3-6 months: The animal must have been vaccinated prior to showing; animal is considered vaccinated at time of inoculation.

**Out of State Animals** must be tested for Bluetongue. If the animal originates from a region or state that is endemic for Bluetongue, the animal must test negative no more than 30 days prior to entry into Rhode Island.
Exhibitor will provide necessary bedding, hay, grain, feeder(s) and bucket(s) as required by his or her own sheep project. The Exhibitor is expected to care for his or her own sheep or to make arrangements with another Exhibitor to care for his/her animals in the Exhibitor’s absence. Sheep should have water at all times. It is Exhibitor’s responsibility to clean out his/her pens at completion of show, if that is required of them at a particular fair.

**Animal Identification:** All sheep must be identified by at least one official USDA identification ear-tag or tattoo. In addition, sheep should have a farm tag, tattoo or an association/registry ear-tag. One of the tags must match the registration papers for each registered animal. Tags must match the health papers.

**Ownership:** Exhibitors must have owned or managed (leased) their sheep on or before July 1 of this year, with one exception: Delegates may show one (1) sheep purchased between July 1 and July 31 of this year, IN ADDITION TO their 4-H project animal(s) provided that: (1) proof of purchase, ownership and health papers are shown upon arrival at fair, (2) the animal has been approved as part of the Exhibitor’s project by their club leader (verbal verification to show superintendent is accepted), AND (3) the Exhibitor is still limited to show one animal per class per breed. The Exhibitor must show at least one other sheep in addition to the purchased one. The Exhibitor MAY NOT show the purchased animal in his/her Fitting and Showmanship Class. **4-Hers should bring their management papers with them to a 4-H fair that occurs prior to July 1st.**

**Fitting and Showmanship:** All 4-H Sheep Exhibitors MUST enter and show in the Fitting & Showmanship class appropriate for their age and experience. The judging of Fitting and Showmanship Classes is based on:
* Appearance of sheep: blocking & fitting for the show, cleanliness and condition of animal;
* Handling – showing, holding, and moving of sheep in the ring;
* Attitude, appearance & sportsmanship of the Exhibitor and his/her knowledge of his sheep project;
* Previous trophy winners will compete again;
* Exhibitors enter only one Fitting and Showmanship Class, either: Senior, Junior or Novice.
* Judging starts when Exhibitor enters the ring and shall be over when he or she leaves the ring.
* Exhibitors should be prepared to answer questions about their particular sheep project.
* Judge’s decisions are final.

**Exhibitor Dress:** Show ring attire shall consist of solid-colored black, khaki, tan, green or white pants/jeans with a white shirt or blouse. All shirts must be tucked in (no visible skin), and belts should be worn as needed. No blue denim jeans, no tank tops and no hats may be worn in the show ring. Exhibitors should be clean and neat at all times, and should always wear the proper foot attire.

**Classes:** A 4-H member may exhibit sheep of any recognized breed (“registered”) or a crossbred of breeds (“unregistered”). Separate classes will be provided for registered and unregistered sheep. The sheep show will consist of separate classes by shown by breeds, thereby allowing an Exhibitor to show more than one breed, however, the Exhibitor is still limited to one animal per class (i.e. an Exhibitor may show one Southdown Jr. Ewe Lamb and one Dorset Ewe Lamb). Each exhibitor must show his or her own project sheep alone in the single classes, and must be on the head of his /her animal. Another 4-Her may help the Exhibitor if the animal is extremely large, becomes unruly or the 4-Her has a disability. These exceptions must be discussed with the show superintendent prior to the show. The Exhibitor may recruit other 4-Hers to help in the group classes. All sheep must be presented in show quality condition and meet their respective breed standards for the show ring. Market lambs must be sheared within fourteen days of the show. Halter are optional in showmanship and breed classes, however they are strongly suggested for the young or inexperienced Exhibitors. When halters are used it is strongly suggested that the animals be trained to lead on halter, for both safety and to avoid embarrassment to Exhibitor.

When filling out the entry form, each Exhibitor should include breed, class number, name of class, date of birth of animal, sex and ear-tag number of each animal they plan to bring to the show.

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| 3. Fitting & Showmanship, Novice Division: | members, any age, in their first year of showing this species.

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The following classes will be shown by breed.

4. **Yearling Rams** – Born after August 31, 2015 and before September 2016. No more than four permanent teeth.
5. **Senior Ram Lambs** – Born after September 1, 2016 and before December 31, 2016.
8. **Aged Ewes** – Born before September 1, 2015 – Can only be shown if it is the only animal that the delegate has to bring to the 4-H Sheep Activity.
9. **Yearling Ewes** – Born after August 31, 2015 and before September 1, 2016. Yearlings cannot have more than four permanent teeth.
10. **Senior Ewe Lambs** – Born after September 1, 2016 and before December 31, 2016.
13. **Pair of Lambs** – Consists of one ram and one ewe lamb of the same breed, shown in previous classes. (Note: Pair of Lambs does not need to be Bred and Owned).
14. **Exhibit’s Flock** – Consists of one ram and two ewes of the same breed, shown in previous classes. (Note: Exhibitor’s Flock does not need to be Bred and Owned).
15. **Best Fleeced Animal** – Each Exhibitor entering a Wool Breed may enter ONE sheep any age, shown in any previous class listed above. Animal must have sufficient amount of wool growth in the fleece to be judged.
16. **Market Lambs** – Wether lambs or ewe lambs only. Lamb must be sheared within fourteen (14) days of the show. Lambs entered in this class may not be exhibited in any other individual class except Fitting & Showmanship. No rams accepted. Class may be divided on the basis of weight, if necessary, decision made by show superintendent.
17. **Registered Ewe, Any Age, Bred & Owned by Exhibitor** – must have been shown in one of the ewe classes list above and may NOT be a market lamb entry.

To be selected to show sheep at the New England 4-H Sheep Show at the Eastern States Exposition a member may show at either: the Washington County Fair, the SRI, NRI or ERI 4-H Fair. To qualify, 4-H Club Members must be between the ages of 12 and 18 as of January 1, this year, and have completed at least one previous year of 4-H Sheep project work. The placing of the Exhibitor's sheep at the fair and the placing of the Exhibitor in the Fitting and Showmanship event may be considered in the selection for Eastern States. For this selection sheep must be owned or managed solely by the 4-H member by July 1st this year, with one exception: Exhibitor may enter one (1) sheep purchased between July 1st and July 31st of this year IN ADDITION TO their 4-H project animal(s) as stipulated above in the “Ownership” paragraph. All sheep exhibited at Eastern States Exposition, except market lambs, must be registered. Applications for Eastern States Exposition 4-H Sheep Show are due in the State 4-H office by August 20th.

### 4-H SWINE

**See rules for animal exhibitors in the front of these Guidelines and at the beginning of this section.**

All swine must be owned or managed by the 4-H Exhibitor by June 1st of the current year. Market Animals must be owned by the 4-H member. Proof of ownership must be available at the fair to show officials when animals are entered. Management agreement animals are permitted for swine breeding projects. Management papers are due at the state 4-H office by June 1st. It is required that all animals have an official permanent form of identification (metal ear tags recommended).

**Out of State required Testing:**

- **Brucellosis** - Pigs must be tested 30 days or less prior to the first show of the season or must originate from Brucellosis free validated herd. Validation must be documented and have been within the past 12 months or less before showing.
- **Pseudorabies** - Pigs must be tested 30 days or less prior to the first show of the season or must originate from Pseudorabies free certified herd. Validation must be documented and have been within the past 12 months or less before showing.

No Swine will be allowed at fairs if they originated from a location that is positive for Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED).

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Classes may include both purebred and grade swine. Classes may be divided by weight. Four-H members can enter the youth swine show at Washington County Fair. No boars may be exhibited. **All entries must weigh over 100 pounds at the Washington County Fair show.** For earlier fairs, check with the superintendent for exceptions. Gilts may be shown in either or both of breeding and market classes.

**CLASSES**

1. Senior Fitting & Showmanship: members age 14 -18 but not 19 as of January 1, of the current year.
2. Junior Fitting & Showmanship: members age 8-13 as of January 1, of the current year.
3. Novice Fitting & Showmanship - members 8-18 but not 19 as of January 1, of the current year, in their 1st year of showing this species
4. Lightweight market hogs 100# minimum
5. Medium weight market hogs
6. Heavyweight market hogs
7. Lightweight breeding gilts 100# minimum
8. Medium weight breeding gilts
9. Heavyweight breeding gilts
10. General knowledge quiz - This must be taken by all 4-H Swine Exhibitors.

Fitting & Showmanship Classes

* Participation in showmanship is required to show in breed and/or market classes.
* The exhibitor must have a neat, clean appearance and wear clean, presentable clothing.
* Classes may be subdivided by the show superintendent if there are too many entries in a particular class.
* Sneakers, sandals or bare feet are not allowed.
* No boars may be exhibited.
* Gilts may be shown in either or both of breeding and market classes.

**WORKING STEER PROGRAM**

*This class may not be offered at 4-H Fairs – check each fairs list of classes.*

**See rules for animal exhibitors in the front of these Guidelines and at the beginning of this section.**

1. Eligibility: This program is open to 4-H youth members.
2. Steers over 6 months of age must be castrated.
3. All steers must have horns to be eligible for this program.
4. Uniforms: Green pants and white shirts, although club uniforms are acceptable. Boots must be worn - no sneakers.
6. Exhibitors must supply their own grain, hay and bedding.
7. Animal health: See general guidelines for showing animals. All steers must comply with RI guidelines.
8. In pulling competition the drag will not be loaded in excess of 50% of the animal weight with consideration given to size and age of animals.

**CLASSES:**

Showmanship: Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior
Cart class
Distance pull class
Best Pair

* A Knowledge Test may be given.
* Any Rhode Island 4-H Fair may serve as a qualifying competition for the Eastern States Exposition.
* Top Teamsters at least 10 years or older as of January 1 will qualify to participate at Eastern States.
* Each member to qualify with 1 pair of steers must use the same pair of steers that they qualify with.
* Applications for ESE are due in the state 4-H office by August 20th.